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of political health to the republic.

PARTISAN, NOWPARTISAN, BIPARTISAN

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WHEN OUT OF TOWN. Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The fice mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Last day for regretting that you did not do it early.

The Venezuelan war dogs appear to be of the poodle variety.

The marriage license clerk is likewise ready for the Christmas rush.

Panama and all riot at Washington.

Castro showed rare judgment when he left Venezuela without buying a return ticket.

Letter carriers may as well make up their minds that the exercise is good for them. Turkey is not the only country where the turkey constitution is to be put to the test.

IMPROVEMENT IN FOREIGN TRADE. Trade statistics for November show hat the nation's trade with foreign countries for the month came within a few million dollars of last year's called nonpartisan police board, a sorecord for the month and in excess of the November total for any previous year. The significance of the figures as indicating a speedy return to normal business conditions, is found in the rap idly increasing volume of imports These amounted in November to \$103,. 936,544, compared with \$110,000,000 in November of last year, with \$84, 000,000 in January of the present year and with \$83,000,000 in May. The total for the eleven months ending

with November was \$1,004,474,822. or larger than the record for any previous eleven months, with the exception of the eleven months of last year. New activity in the export trade begins with the new harvest. The total for the eleven months of the year was \$1,564,623,950, a loss of \$152,282,-259 for the same period of last year. The result of the barter is a balance of trade in America's favor for the eleven months of \$500,000,000. The figures tell the story of the business uplift. While the year as a whole has been an unfavorable one for foreign trade, the substantial recovery in

AN IMMIGRATION REFORM.

former records.

The conference committee of the two houses of congress have agreed on the Lodge bill, limiting the number 37,140 of steerage passengers that may be carried by steamships. As a measure to regulate immigration, this bill folows the general plan of a law recently passed by England, but is even more drastic in some of its regula-

> As the primary object is to secure the health and comfort of steerage at stake. If jurors have to be locked up, passengers, the bill prescribes the minimum berthing and deck accommodations for steerage passengers and makes mandatory certain sanitary provisions that have been neglected by steamship companies in the past. One effect of the bill will be to limit the number of immigrants, as the steamship companies will not be allowed to overcrowd the steerage, a custom which has been the cause of much scandal in former years. The profit in carrying this class of passengers has led the steamship companies to a general proposition it may be ac-

flood Europe with seductive advertising inducing immigrants to come to this country. The incentive to that sort of imposition upon the immi- to be trusted as a juror at all. It is Everything seems to be all right at grants will be removed by the new probable, too, that if the plan adopted

The steamship companies have opposed the Lodge bill vigorously and ing a better class of citizens for jury succeeded in having it tied up in con- service, now so obnoxious on account ference between the house and the senate at the last session of congress. men requiring police surveillance to The agreement of the conference com- prevent them from becoming crimmittees assures the enactment of the inals. law, the merit of which is admitted by all students of the immigration prob-

It is said that part of the evidence

photograph disclosing the culprits in be more nearly equalized. As it now stands A leading theatrical man who END OF CASTRO'S RULE the act of taking the money. It The final act in the overthrow of says an eastern paper. How about the Castro government in Venezuela is flashlight artists on hand at all state might be well to have a few good in entire harmony with the rest of the capitals where a legislature is in sesopera bouffe proceedings that have sion this winter.

within the board as it may happen to asking for any appropriation for the

Right here in Omaha, to go no further for examples, we have a so-

mit that the partisan School board will commend itself as a business body at least equally with the bipartisan Water board, and that would not be saying much. If the legislature should establish higher qualifications for places of importance in local government it might accomplish some

good, but requiring a man to label himself as belonging to the one party or another, or to no party at all, will afford no guaranty of improvement.

PLACING JURORS ON HONOR. Lawyers and laymen alike will

be lined up.

doubtless find keen interest in the rather radical move of Justice Crane of New York, who is the trial judge in the case against T. Jenkins Hains, charged with the murder of W. E. Annis, in refusing to lock up the jurors during the progress of trial and in allowing them access to the newspapers containing reports of the trial. Hitherto the uniform practice in murder cases has been to commit the jurors to the custody of bailings, to

keep them together as precaution against talking or reading newspaper reports of the case. Immediately after the jury had been sworn in the Hains case, Justice Crane said

I have the power to lock up every man of you, but I am loth to exercise the power. I feel that a man serves better as a juror when he has slept in his own bed, when he has breakfasted with his own family, than he could possibly do if

he was locked up. I never knew a jury that was dishonest. Jurors are no more dishonest than a judge is dishopest Other people may try to talk to you at this trial; perhaps, rather, they will talk of it in your presence. Get away from them. If necessary come to me and tell me about it. The entire jury system is

the sooner we abolish the jury system the better. I trust you twelve jurors. The average citizen will approve Justice Crane's course. Under the usual practice in criminal cases, the jurors are often punished more se-

verely than the prisoner. They are compelled to sleep in ill-furnished rooms, forced to accept hotel or restaurant food and treated as suspects. while the prisoner, if his offense is

bailable, is often living in the luxury of his home pending the verdict. As cepted that the juror who can not be trusted out of the court room while serving on a criminal case is not fit

by Justice Crane becomes general there will be less difficulty in securof the practice of treating jurors as

against the Pittsburg councilmanic

DRVY. President Schurman of Cornell uni-

versity cannot be looking for any pocalled bipartisan Water board, and litical office or he would not throw his a partisan School board, and we sub verbal bouquets so promiscuously.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

Christmas Stocking Thought.

Louisville Courier Journal. At this time of the year every good, little girl who is slim looks with envy upon the portrait of the "champion fat woman of the world" traveling with the side show.

Lofty Optimism. Kansas City Star

That Pullman manager who says that lpping the porter is entirely a voluntary matter is a shining example of the optimist. In much the same sense it is a voluntary matter whether you spend the night in the sleeping car or sit it out in the smoker. But most of the people possessed of the price have to take the sleeper.

> The Ignominious Upper. Springfield Republican.

Pullman company officials have been ying to show in the government inquiry at Chicago that upper sleeping car berths are worth just as much as the lower. The complainants against the company have met this contention rather cleverly by bringing forward some women witnesses They were all quite agreed that upper berths are worth no more than half what the lower ones are, if they are worth that.

A Fair Exchange. New York Bun.

The Hon. Philander Chase Knox needs no compliments. There is but one opinion of his fitness for the post to which Mr.

Taft has called him. It is often hard to lure a man from the senate to the cabinet. but the State department may well satisfy any ambition, so many famous names are on its bead roll. If Mr. Knox is to be congratulated, the senate would have to be condoled with were it not that Mr. Root will make Mr. Knox's place good, as Mr.

An Able Public Man.

Knox will make Mr. Root's good.

New York World. President-elect Taft in making requisi-

ion on the tried cabinet material of his predecessor could not have chosen a better man for secretary of state than, Senator Philander Chase Knox of Pennsylvania. Senator Knox is one of the ablest men in public life-one of the ablest the generation has produced. His mind is clear, comprehensive, vigorous, acute, logical and thoroughly trained. He will go into history as one of the greatest of attorney generals. a considerable amount of their earnings did not permit him to support a house-In the hands of the man who first demonfor the old folks at home. strated the validity of the Sherman anti-

trust law against the power of the trusts, "I think there are fully 10,000 actors and who brought the railroad giants and the actresses in New York today who are out Beef trust magnates to terms and who of work. Where there is one vacancy there framed an anti-rebate law which worked. are 100 desirable applicants." A well known theatrical man made the the standard of work in the State depart-

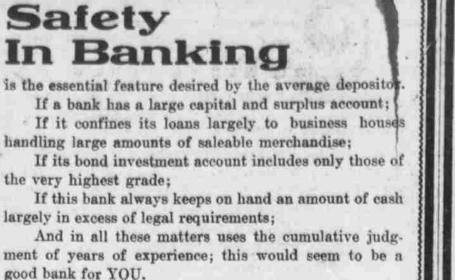
ment is not likely to fall below that estababove statement to a New York American lished by Hay and Root. And personally reporter. He was one of several inter-Mr. Knox's hands are clean. viewed, who admitted that this is one of

NEBRASKA PRESS COMMENT.

various explanations to make. One advances the theory that the 10-cent moving Bridgeport News-Blade: A company has picture shows have thrown many vaudeeen organized with a capital of \$10,000 to ville people out of work. Another said it publish a democratic daily newspaper in was due in part to the financial depression Lincoln. Poor company! Some people will never learn to profit by the experience of of last year. Mrs. M. L. Fernandez of the Fernander others.

Dramatic agency admitted that there were Rushville Recorder: There is some talk many members of the profession idle and of putting up William Hayward for the said that she attributed it to the fact that next republican governor of Nebraska. financial depression of a year ago was just Nothing like looking ahead. He is made of beginning to be felt by the masses, who the right kind of stuff and belongs to the were really the support of the theaters same class of virile men that Governor She said she did not think there were 10,000 Sheldon has trained with. actors idle, as she did not believe there

Winside Tribune: The democratic legisare that many in New York. "There are lature in Nebraska will make a great mis- many more out of work than usual." she take is they do not reapportion the state said, "but I think now that election is this winter so that the congressional, over confidence is returning and there will boodlers will consist of a flashlight senatorial and representative districts will be better times before long."



Investigate this bank along these lines.

FirstNationalBankofOmaha

Thirteenth and Farnam Sts.

Entrance to Safety Deposit Vaults is on 13th street.

151 Bleecker street for a more gorgeous ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK. **Ripples** on the Current of Life in the house at 183 Thompson street. Still 14.04

he made sandwiches, and still his fortune Metropolis. The new world makes a generous contri- grew, so that when he died, he was re bution to the good cheer of the old world puted to be worth \$150,000. every year, and this year's record of sub-

If a woman takes the risk of marrying stantial good will is one of the best. One of the fast big steamers sailing from a man who earns only \$6 a week she need New York last week carried over 115,000 not look to him to support her under orders the law, should be become tired of his International postoffice money for a sum aggregating \$1,526,780. Eight burden and desert her. This, at least, is steamers sailing since December 2 have the decision of Judge Warren W. Foster carried some 322,870 of these orders, call- of general sessions court. Judge Foster, ing for the payment of over \$5,000,000 on who is a bachelor, took occasion, in his

the other side. These are said to be decision to say that while indiscriminate largely in excess of the records of a year rushing into matrimony might please ago, and on a par with those of the most some people, it was abhorrent to those prosperous business years. One estimate who thought and acted judiciously, and he of these other forms of remittance is that added that recent research has shown they will aggregate \$12,000,000, making that "the most fruitful cause of misery \$17,000,000 altogether. Italy gets more of are the very large families of the poor." this money than any other country and This statement was made in the case the United Kingdom ranks next. These of Mrs. Annie Glassberg, whose husband, figures indicate that the working people Lesser, separated from her about two are well enough employed now to spare months ago, saying his weekly earnings

hold. Glassberg is a painter's apprentice.

CHEERY CHAFF.

store at 208 Thompson street, and took

"George, I simply can't take my hat off at the concert." Why can't you?"

"It's too heavy to hold."-Cleveland Plain Dealer

Mistress-Alice, I saw the milkman kiss ou this morning. Hereafter I shall go out after the milk myself. Servant--It won't do you no good, ma'am; he has promised not to kiss any other woman but me.--Harper's Weekly. the worst years in the history of the profearion. Each of the persons seen had

Friend of the Family-Well Eva, what do you think Santa Claus will put in your stocking this Christmas? Up-to-date Child-If he doesn't do any better than he did last year, he'll put his foot in it.-Baltimore American.

"Are you going to hang up your stocking this Christmas, Freddy?" "No. I'm going to hang up grandpa's, You know, he has the gout."-Baltimore American.

"Do you find any trouble writing stories, Dawdly?"

"None whatever. But I'd pay a man well that could sell them for me."-Philadel-phia Inquirer.

Vaudeville Lady-I have just refused an offer of \$1,500 a week. Newspaper Fallguy-Gee! Why? V. L.-A fellow offered me \$50 a week that I'll really gst.-Cleveland Leader.

Antique line of Amphora and Yaka



the new Grand Planos, all the new Player Planos and the Organs, all the used Pinnos and Organs.

The Christmas, shopper is taking advantage of the Hospe Plano sale. The great stock of fine Planos, Player Planos, Grand Planos, Parlor Organs, Chapel Organs and Player Organs is thrown on the market at prices which force the buying.

Just a little money down, small amount every month and your new mahogany, oak or walnut plano is paid for.

When you can buy a \$250, \$275, \$300 and \$325 plane for-

\$139 \$159 \$187 \$198

a \$6 Monthly Payments, It Looks Easy, is Easy and You Can't Resist It. DO YOU KNOW THE WORLD'S

BEST? They are the Kranich & Bach, Krakauer, Kimball, Bush-Lane, Hallet-Davis, Cable-Nelson,

Burton, Cramer & Weser Pianos. Player Planos from \$290.00 up.

Parlor Organs, \$20 up.

Christmas ART Stock

FRAMED PICTURES Water color pictures in gilt frames

Etchings in oak frames, \$1 up. Carbon Photographs in chony rames, \$1.50 up.

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Exquisite metai frames in gold, eli-ver, copper and black iron for stamp size photographs and all sizes, at from 50c up.

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POTTERY

CALENDARS

Omaha High school, Bellevue col-ege, Brownell Hall, Council Eluffa

"Only selfish people tip the porter," the foolish people?

It remains to be seen how far congress will get with its backfire on the secret service incident.

Among your New Year's resolutions include one to do your next year's Christmas shopping early.

The Christmas present that never came was, of course, burned up in those wrecked mail trains.

The Dutch blockade of Venezuela must be declared a success after all, as it promises to keep Castro out.

"Can a man marry on \$6 a week?" asks the Baltimore Sun. Oh yes, but living on it will be another story.

Senator Guggenheim does not believe there is any cents in the report of a members to jall or exile and now is as new smelter trust being organized.

If Mr. Roosevelt wants to engage in really strenuous journalism, there are splendid openings in that line in Tennessee.

Chicago has installed a new fire boat, probably to protect the Chicago river from destruction by spontaneous combustion

Although the les crop in this vicinity ds so far a failure, it is presumed that there will be the usual investment in Christmas skates.

The man who visits the residences offering "fresh country eggs" for 25 cents a dozen should be arrested for practicing a shell game.

Congressmen are mistaken about the use of secret service men being an innovation. "I spy" is one of the oldest of American games.

The sultan of Turkey is strongly in favor of popular education in his country. The plan looks like an in * tation to self-elimination.

ministrative boards is designed to in-The forestry bureau will be happy sure a few jobs for members of the when the people are as busy planting minority party. In strongly demoother kinds of trees as they are in planting Christmas trees.

Congress is said to be opposed the government by commission plan ditions are reversed it is the demothe District of Columbia, Congress is always in favor, however, of partisanship. Where the nonpartisan government by discussion.

The vice president of the New York failed lamentably to produce the mil-Central predicts that the railroads will lennium in government. The nonparspend \$7,500,000,000 in improvements itsan boards and bipartisan boards in the next ten years. The public will prove to be just as partisan as the parprefer that the expenditure be in real tisan boards, depending entirely upon donars instead of watered stock.

marked the progress of events in that country for several weeks. Gomez, It isn't just plain at present how the senleft in charge when Castro hurried to ators are going to get much out of it (census patronage), the hest picking going to Europe in search of his health, sudthe congressmen .- Congressman Hitchcock's denly developed heroic qualities World-Herald. hitherto unsuspected and successfully

Those congressmen must not overoverthrew the Castro government sinlook the fact that the census bill has gle-handed. According to most relito go through both houses and that able accounts, he charged a barracks the senate gets the last whack at it. occupied by a regiment of mutinous

soldiers, placed their colonel under ar-Now, if Rockefeller would only de rest and then, returning to the palnounce the tariff the World-Herald ace, singled out the ringleader of the might take back all the mean things conspiracy, caught him by the throat it has said about him and put its and escorted him to a dungeon cell. stamp of approval upon the building The hero-loving Venzuelans promptly erected with Rockefeller money for hailed Gomez as their new leader and our State university.

he took charge of affairs at once. He spent the afternoon in forming a new It is announced that arrangements cabinet and sending the old cabinet are practically completed for the Jacksonian club's annual talkfest, with Bryan and Shallenberger as headlinfirmly entrenched in power as any ers. Microscopic examination of the

program fails to show where Mayor No country will be hypocritical Jim comes in. enough to express regret at the overthrow of Castro's government. Cas-Mr. Bryan says there are "a numtro had succeeded in alienating the ber of prominent people" besides friendship of every foreign power and Judge Gary of the Steel trust "who

will bear watching." Modesty prevents him from specifying anyone residing in the neighborhood of Fairview.

Gomez has yet to demonstrate his Secretary of State Junkin is preparability to correct the abuses of Casing the registry book for lobbyists actro's government, but it is practically cording to the provisions of the lobby ertain that he can be no worse than law enacted by the last legislature. Don't all rush to be first to inscribe

> an autograph. According to the local democratic organ "the democratic party can afford to trust the people." Yes, but the people have grave suspicions that they cannot afford to trust the demo-

scratic party. smooth sailing by exuding an aromatic If it were possible legally to do so, The protest against partisanship, as it would be a great reform to prohibit everyone knows, always comes from altogether the granting of pardons the minority party, and every scheme and paroles during the last two for "nonpartisan" or "bipartisan" admonths of an outgoing governor's

> South Omaha firemen now want the double-shift system that prevails in Omaha. They could have had it a year ago by the simple process of con-

Pennsylvania has sent a bunch of capitol grafters to prison. It is somepractice, however, it has as a rule thing of a novelty in Pennsylvania to have robbery of the state treated as a

> crime. Talk about strange things. The new president of Switzerland has sent

term.

solidation.

it is fearfully out of data and unjust desire to have his name used said: "There are fully as many actors and actresses out many districts.

St. Paul Republican: It is amusing to more actresses idle, however, than actors, read the Omaha World-Herald's editorials Ninety per cent of the women born in the now-a-days about the heads of the state country want to be actresses. They think institutions being made nonpartisan, while all they have to do is to put on nice clothes the democratic governor-elect goes on anand walk out on the stage and speak a nouncing republican officials removed and few words; every chorus girl thinks she democrats put in their places each day That is not letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth, all right.

his trashy production has glutted the stage. Schuyler Free Lance: The theory of Then there is the picture machine. For "nonpartisan count" is another of those 5 or 19 cents a young man can go to one very nice things one reads about, but it is of them and stay all the evening; he can in theory only, for there can be no such dress as he pleases, and in the dark hold thing as a nonpartisan count" composed hands with his best girl. I know of one

of partisans. Those who talk it do not of these places that accommodates 4,000 mean "nonpartisan," but bi-partisan. There patrons each day, seven days in the week, and there is no doubt that it cuts into the is nothing in it. The independent choice of an intolligent people as to judges from legitimate business." among partisan aspirants is the best plan

Vestrymen of Trinity church, reports the and tends to nonpartisanism. A judge's political opinions and affiliations should New York Tribune, would give no hint of a decision said to have been reached a not count with a man qualified to sit on their meeting on Monday night regarding the supreme bench, so the nonpartisan the ultimate fate of the old St. John's talk has no legitimate place in the true

chapel, in Varick street, which, according discussion. to recent announcement, is to be abandoned Broken Bow Republican: The report as a place of worship after an eventful that an attempt will be made in Lincoln history of 100 years. The discussion of the this winter to compel W. J. Bryan to comvestrymen at the meeting was said to have mit himself on the county option question been onlivened by the reading of the fol will be watched with interest. The ques owing poem, recently written by Richard tion of just where he stands was discussed Watson Gilder: a great deal by the voters at the last elec

tion and they are yet in doubt. near as can be ascertained As Mr. Bryan voted for high license a number of years ago and he managed to be absent when the question came up in Lincoln the last time. Bryan is a pretty good dodger and they will do better than expected of them if they succeed in getting him to come out and declare himself either for or against county

option. Grand Island Independent: Gran

Astson Gilder:
Guardians of a holy trust,
Who, in your rotting tenements,
Housed the people, till the offense
Rose to the heaven of the just.
Guardians of an anclent trust,
Who, lately, from these little ones,
Dushed the cup of water; now
Bind new laurels to your brow;
Fling to earth these sacred stones,
Give the altar to the dust!
Here the poor and friendless come,
Desolate the templed home
Of the friendless and the poor,
That your laurels may be sure!
Here beside the frowning walls,
Where once the little children played
Where let the temple low be laid,
Here bring the altar to the dust. Islanders who have recently been at Omaha and who while there attended the corn exhibit, are enthusiastic over the same and Many Protestant Episcopal laymon in th are telling us that its worth a trip to New York diocese have given voice to a Omaha at any time for any one interested protest against the plan of the Trinity in the material development of Nebraska. Church corporation to abandon St. John's

For corn is king, and Nebraska is his dochape! main, and the interesting information that is obtained from the exhibit is well worth Angelo Basso, who for forty years was

the time and money, especially to any one renowned for selling the biggest sandwich directly interested in corn culture, it takes in town for a nickel, and who saved \$250 to make the trip. "I could spend a day 000 out of his profits, is dead at his home in there," said a citizen this morning, and 183 Thompson street, and the Italians

he is not an agriculturist either, "but did of the lower west side gathered to honor not have the time." Of course the man his memory. He died on Wednesday of or woman not interested in any of these aged 57 years, and left last week, things, will not find it as entertaining and widow and two grown sons-Joe, said to he the right-hand political man of "Batinstructive. tery Dan" Finn, and George, who has a

The talk of "nonpartisanism" came grocery store. largely from the democrats who had selfish partisan interests in making such talk.

sandwiches, but other delicatessen sup and it was not from principle. Reverse plics. The fame of his sandwiches spread conditions and the republicans would make the same talk. If Governor-elect Shallenberger had the selection to make we do not doubt in the least but that he would name four democrats on the theory that the republicans already had all three mem-

of good material. bers of that court. The 'nonpartisan'' talk always comes from the minority and is walking matches at the Madison Square founded on selfishness. We know that Garden, and folks went there on Monday when the democrats controlled the supreme morning and stayed until Saturday night court and had Sullivan and Holcomb as the Angelo Basso sandwich, put on sale members already they did not hesitate to there by the wise old Italian, was a try to elect Hollenbeck as the third memstandard article.

her. They were not for a "nonpartisan Although the profit on those sandwiches judiciary when they had the supposed mawas smaller than the profit on the skimp jority and did not set the republicans any jer one ones, Angelo Basso waxed richer good example, so their talk now has no and richer, because he sold so many. In the partisanship of the majority a message to his Congress without weight with thinking men,

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS of work as there was in June. There are

By Clement C. Moore Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house through the Not a creature house was stirring, not even a

mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there: can take the big parts, and right here The children were nestled all snug in their comes in the cheap manager, who, with While v visions of sugar-plums danced

through their While mama in her 'kerchlef and I in

my Had 1 ust ust settled our brains for a long on When the lawn arose such

clatter. I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter, ay to the windaw I flew like a Away

flash Fore open the shutters and threw up the

fallen snow the breast of the new-Gave a lustre of midday to the objects

When what to my wandering eyes should But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny

with a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment that it must be St. Nick!

More rapid than eagles his coursers they And he whistled, and shouted, and called

them by name; 'Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!-To

top of the porch, to the top of wall, dash away, dash away, dash Now. As dry leaves that before the wild hurri-

meet with an obstacle, mount When they to the house tops his coursers they Bo up

With a sleighful of toys and St. Nicholas,

And then in a twinkling I heard on the

The prancing and pawing of each little As I drew in my head, and was turning

around Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with

bound He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with

ashes and soot; bundle of toys he had hung on his back. looked like a peddler just open-And he

ing his pack His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry! His checks were like roses, his nose like

a cherry: His little droll mouth was drawn up like

And his beard on his was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his

And the smoke, it encircled his head like He had a broad face and a little round

belly, That shook when he laugned made full of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly

from 151 Bleecker street, until the tim And I laughed as I saw him in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head ame when messenger boys, working girls business men even, would walk a consider able distance to get one. For the Basso

icon gave me to know that I had nothing sandwich was not only large, but it wa to dread In the old years, when they had six-day

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work. And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his And giving a nod, up the chimney he

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave And away then all flew like the down of But heard him exclaim ere he drove if sight, y Christmas to all, and to all a

Happy time he left his first delicatessen store, at good-night!

Angelo Basso, sold not only his famou

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